

SENATE BILL 2923

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-211; Title 2, Chapter 3 and Title 2, Chapter 4, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-101(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), in any county using a computerized voting system, multiple precincts may be located in the same facility, space permitting.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-3-103, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

2-3-103.

Precincts where voting machines are used shall, whenever practicable, in the judgment of the county election commission, after taking into consideration all facts and circumstances, be limited in size to a maximum of six thousand (6,000) registered voters. No precinct shall, wherever possible, have less than two thousand (2,000) registered voters.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-103, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(f) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, within twenty (20) days of an election, a county election commission may appoint persons as polling officials who are registered voters of the county to serve at precincts that do not have an adequate number of polling officials.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-211, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(e) Counties with web sites may, notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, do all of the following:

(1) Develop an internet-based electronic filing process for use by all candidates for local public office and all political campaign committees that are required to file statements and reports with the local county election commission;

(2) Develop a system that provides each candidate and campaign committee with secure access to the electronic filing system. The system shall provide safeguards against efforts to tamper or change the data in any way;

(3) Provide training to candidates and campaign committees on the use of the electronic filing system;

(4) Provide public access to financial reports of local candidates and committees by posting the information on the internet. In addition, the county election commission shall provide assistance to anyone seeking to access this information on the internet;

(5) The county election commission, once the development of the electronic filing system is completed and tested, shall provide public notice that the system is operational and available for filers to use. All candidates and political committees that are required to file statements and reports with the local county election commission must file electronically for transactions after January 1, 2010; and

(6) All information entered by an candidate or campaign committee into the electronic filing system shall remain confidential until the information is filed with the county election commission.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.